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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senator
P. O. Drawer 2888
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Senator Helms:

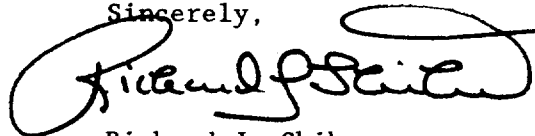
This is in reply to your letters of February 12 and 17, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Because of the desire of my office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached inquiry from Mr. James Springle, Route 1, Box 1243, Moncure, NC 27559 will be appreciated.

Please address your response to my Raleigh Office, P.O. Drawer 2888, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

With kind regards.


U.S. Senator

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Dear Senator Helms

I, along with many friends, am involved in one of Americas' fastest growing hobbies; that of remote control airplane building and flying. Our club alone has several thousand dollars invested in this fasinating and educational endeavor.

One of the main problems we must contend with is the limited number of channels and frequencies within which our radios must operate. We understand this, however, and we just "live with it".

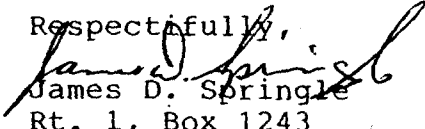
Now it appears the FCC is going to jeopardize in the few frequencies we have, by bringing the powerful commercial bands even closer to our lower - powered ones. This is a real danger with the potential of wrecking havoc ot the model industry, to say nothing of the increased danger to both pilots and spectators (imagine a 15-20 lb. aircraft hurling out of control at 70-100 MPH when the higher powered commercial radios override our control transmitters).

Please understand, we are asking for nothing - except to be left alone to persue our chosen "persuit of happiness" with as little interference as possible.

I'm sure with everything else (i.e. deficit, gays, etc) this appears to be insignificant and pale by comparison. And it is, except to us.

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,


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P.S. You are the only senator I'm writing to because you are the only one that seems to care.

JDS